

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2022

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference/ZOOM Friday, November 18, 2022. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D. – President *(joined at 10:00 a.m.)
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. – Vice-President
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Emily Burton, Ph.D.
Scott C. Smith, Psy.D.

Members Absent:

George Bratcher, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

Assistant Attorney General:

Betsy Cohen, AAG
Bryon Thernes, AAG
Elizabeth Simpson, AAG

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Gayle Spears, Ph.D., GPA
Anita Catus, Ph.D., GPA
Tiffany Anderson, PsyD, BCBA

Dr. Linda Campbell, Vice-President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Agenda: Approve with no additional items

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report:

Dr. Spears and Dr. Catus provided updates on ongoing GPA activities and upcoming events.

- Annual Meeting April 21-22, 2023, Athens, GA

Meeting Minutes:

- October 21, 2022 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 21, 2022 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- D. Rouzer – Rule 510-8-.03

Recommendation:

Grant

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for D. Rouzer as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Correspondence:

- K. Nitsch - RE Ethics CE hours – *Please refer to the Boards Guidance statement posted on the Boards website regarding CE hours for the 2020-2022 renewal period*

- ASPPB – Announcements RE EPPP I & II Exams: - *Since November 1, 2020, the Georgia Board has required the 2-Part EPPP for all Applications by Examination. The Georgia Board has also required Part 2 (Skills) of the EPPP for all Applications by Endorsement of applicants licensed on or after November 1, 2020 in other states or jurisdictions that do not require Part II of the EPPP exam for licensure. As of October 28, 2022 at the ASPPB 62nd Annual Meeting of Delegates announced that effective no later than January 1, 2026, the EPPP is one examination with two parts, EPPP (Part 1 – Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2 – Skills).*
- ASPPB COA – Withdrawal Notice of Actions Fall 2022 – *Board Information Only*
- R. Frederick – Re Direct Supervision – *The submitted correspondence did not include enough information to provide an appropriate response. The Board is unable to interpret Board rules and laws. Please seek your own legal counsel and refer to O.C.G.A. 43-39-7.*

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 10/22/2022 - 11/16/2022

License No.	Licensee
PS-T001107	Carlyn Marie Daubs
PSY004654	Adria Damaris Hickson
PSY004655	Erin Elizabeth Lawson
PSY004656	Andrew Joel Schwehm
PSY004657	Charles Ruffin Burchell
PSY004658	Vanessa Pearl Jessie
PSY004659	Beverly Huffstetler Savinsky
PSY004660	Angela Jeannette Adams
PSY004661	Carmen Giana Savelli-Herrmann
TOTAL:	9

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), §43-1-2-(k) (3) (4), §50-14-2(1) and §43-1-2 (k) (4) to review the Cognizant (complaint) and AG reports, review the prior meetings executive session minutes, review/deliberate on applications and oral exams. Voting in favor were Board members Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Smith and Burton.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on November 18, 2022, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No Board votes obtained during Executive Session.

Ex. Session Misc. Discussion Items:

- M.W. – Release from Probationary Status

Recommendation:

Scheduled for Full Board Interview next meeting

Cognizant – Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Closure:** PSYC160001, PSYC210037, PSYC220007, PSYC230002, PSYC230006
- **Schedule for Investigative Interview:** PSYC190032
- **Recommend Referral to Peer Reviewer:** PSYC220017, PSYC220030

- **Refer to Investigations/Pending Investigative Report:** PSYC220014, PSYC220038, PSYC230010
- **Recommend Referral to AG's Office:** PSYC210042, PSYC230007
- **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** PSYC220024, PSYC220026, PSYC220027, PSYC220032, PSYC230004, PSYC230009

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to refer PSYC210042 to the AG's office for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve all the recommendations of the Cognizant as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Attorney General's Report:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG provided a status report for Board review and discussion.

Ms. Betsy Cohen announced during today's meeting that she will be departing from the AG's office at the end of the month and Mr. Byron Thernes will be replacing Ms. Cohen as the Boards legal counsel from this point forward. The Board would like to appreciate the work from Ms. Cohen with her time working with the Board and wishes the best for her on her new future endeavors.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's reports as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2020-2022 Renewal Issues:

- K.M.

Recommendation:

Pending receipt of additional information

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on the 2020-2022 renewal issues as presented . None opposed, motion carried.

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- M.E.M.
- S.J.P.
- D.O.M .
- C.M.D.
- K.A.N.
- J.J.K
- A.R.
- D.B.

Recommendation:

Pass; Issue License
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 Pass; Issue License

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all oral examination candidates. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- J.R.
- K.D.
- M.C.
- S.H.
- K.M.
- A.H.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exams
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- W.S. Approve to sit for exams
- T.C. Approve-Pending receipt of additional information
- C.C. Approve to sit for exams
- R.G. Approve-Pending receipt of additional information

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

Recommendation:

- October 21, 2022 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting Approve as presented

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 21, 2022 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

CE Renewal Hours: The Board announced as a reminder to licensees that for the current 2022 renewal cycle ending December 31, 2022, the in-person requirement of CE hours are waived and may be completed online (asynchronously or synchronously), pursuant to the Board Guidance Statement currently posted on the Boards website.

However, beginning January 1, 2023 the required CE hours for the 2024 renewal cycle will fall under current Board rule 510-8 posted on the Boards website, which requires in-person attendance as outlined in the rule. Current Board rule 510-8 has been revised, waiting for the Governor's oversight committee to make a decision. The newly revised rule, if approved, will not become effective until the passage of one (1) year from the effective date of the rule assigned by the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

Board Rules Discussion:

- 510-2-.04 Education
- 510-5-.02 Definitions
- 510-7-.02 Reinstatement

Dr. Burton moved, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to refer the proposed changes to Board Rule 510-2-.04 Education, 510-5-.02 Definitions and 510-7-.02 Reinstatement to the AGs for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed, and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA SAULS, Ph.D.

President

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: **December 16, 2022**